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**Senator J. D. Alexander, Chairman
Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
412 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399**

Re: Senate Bill 2108

Dear Senator Alexander:

The Florida Public Defender Association, Inc., has discussed the provisions of SB 2108 and voted to oppose the legislation. The Public Defenders do not support the transfer of the clerk's functions to the state courts. We support the Court continuing to do its core functions as outlined in the 2004 legislation.

The Association is preparing a report outlining our issues and concerns. Upon the completion of our report, we will provide it to you and your staff with our recommendations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Babb, Jr." in a cursive style.

**Howard "Skip" Babb, Jr.
President**

**Cc: Senator Ken Pruitt
Senator Victor Crist**